

Heffner Warns Protesters

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President Ray L. Heffner last night warned students that the rights of peaceful assembly, free exchange of ideas, and orderly protest, as presented in the ACSC report, "do not extend to actual interference in the conduct of placement interviews."

The release of his three-page statement followed an announcement by David Kertzer '69, that he and some twenty-five other students would stage a sit-in at the Placement Office where CIA and Dow Chemical interviewers were to meet students today.

Mr. Kertzer stressed, however, in reply to Dr. Heffner's statement, that he would not impede the passage of the 10 or more persons who signed up for the CIA and Dow interviews.

Mr. James Gurll, a recruiter for the CIA, said yesterday in a telephone interview concerning the planned sit-in that "someone had told me something about it." Both he and Joseph Goodwin, an assistant to the director of the CIA, stated that any actions taken would be up to the administration of the University. There is no set policy, according to the CIA representatives, for dealing

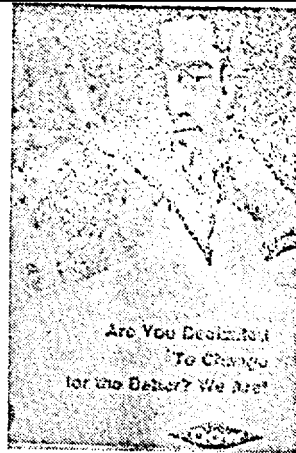
with such incidents.

Mr. Al Wolf, speaking for the Dow Chemical Company, echoed arguments used by the Washington agency, saying that its recruiter is "a guest of the University" and continued by stating that these were the problems of the University, and not of the Company. He also was aware that some kind of demonstration was planned.

Mr. Kertzer said that he did not expect the demonstration to be similar to recent outbreaks of violence at such campuses as Oberlin, Minnesota, Indiana, Williams, and Wisconsin, where 65 students were hospitalized.

Mr. Gurll will arrive at the Placement Office about nine o'clock. Mr. Kertzer and others will greet the CIA recruiter; they plan to be seated outside the room in which Mr. Gurll will interview students.

The reason for objecting to the interviews now, according to Mr. Kertzer, was that they were being conducted by the CIA, a "particularly obnoxious or-



ganization to anybody with moral or political sensibilities."

As a possible solution, Mr. Kertzer suggested a type of open forum, by which representatives of different companies would speak to interested students, after which, they would leave information on interviews to be held off-campus. It is not, according to Mr. Kertzer, the duty of a university to provide these interviews for students since they are "non-academic" functions.

Concerning Kertzer's proposal Dr. Heffner announced that he would "encourage the organization of such forums in the near future." However, he held that the setting up of such a forum was a "completely separate matter from the placement interview."

Neither of the companies contacted seemed to favor Mr. Kertzer's idea. Both said they were content with the present system of interviews.

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